

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Claims 17-29 are pending. Claims 17, 20, and 22 are currently amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-16 (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A medical kit for use in a method to produce a liquid embolizate ready for use in a method for treatment vascular malformations, said liquid embolizate consisting of comprising:

(a) 20 to 80% v/v of an occlusion mixture containing a zein emulsion in aqueous ethanol,

(b) 10 to 40% v/v of a radiopaque contrast medium in liquid form and

(c) 10 to 40% v/v of ethanol,

the percentages of components (a), (b) and (c) adding up to 100% of the liquid embolizate,

components (a), (b) and (c) being separately packed and drawn-up into syringes, the kit further including at least one empty syringe for accommodation of the readily prepared liquid embolizate and a three-way cock.

18. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 17, wherein said components (b) and (c) are provided at a volume ratio ranging between 1:2 and 2:1.

19. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 18, wherein said components (b) and (c) are provided at a volume ratio of equal volume fractions.

20. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 17, wherein the liquid embolizate consists of 30 to 70 % v/v of component (a) and of 15 to 35 % v/v each of components (b) and (c).

21. (Previously presented) The kit of claim 17, wherein said component (a) contains a zein emulsion in aqueous alcohol, a radiopaque contrast medium and a vegetable oil.

22. (Currently amended) A method for the production of a liquid embolizate for use in a method to occlude vascular malformations, said liquid embolizate ~~consisting~~ of comprising:

- (a) 20 to 80 % v/v of an occlusion mixture containing a zein emulsion in aqueous ethanol,
- (b) 10 to 40 % v/v of a radiopaque contrast medium in liquid form and
- (c) 10 to 40 % v/v of ethanol,

the percentages of components (a), (b) and (c) adding up to 100 % of the liquid embolizate, wherein, in the absence of air, component (a) is homogenized, component (b) admixed with component in (a) and component (c) is admixed to the mixture comprising components (a) and (b).

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the mixing process takes place under vacuum.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein the elimination of air is achieved by centrifuging.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said components (a), (b) and (c) are in separately packed form and intermixed with the help of a mixing system.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said components (a), (b) and (c) are present in drawn-up form in syringes.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said mixing system is a three-way cock.

28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, carried out immediately before use of the liquid embolize for occlusion of vessels and vascular malformations.

29. (Previously presented) The method of claim 28, wherein the vascular malformations are aneurysms or arteriovenous short circuits.